2. (*a*).

	No. of Applications.
Applications from Government Officers as such.	Nil.

	No. of applications.	Amount Bh. Rs.
Applications from agriculturists—1111 ...	318	5,04,525
Applications from agriculturists—1112 ...	70	1,04,845

(*b*) 1111 ... ... 26 applications,
1112 ... . 1 application.

(*c*) Twelve meetings of the Board of Management of the Bank were held in 1111 and two in 1112.

Silting up of the Periyar from Vazhakkulam to Tottumukku.

67. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the major part of the Periyar river from Vazhakulam to Tottumukku in the Alwaye pakuthi has been silted up and rendered unfit for transporation of cargo during the period from Dhanu to the middle of Edavam every year; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, how long it is since the silting began?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No information is available.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to the answer to part (*a*) may I know whether the public are not put to serious inconveniences?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: As a matter of fact, there is considerable silting from Malayattur up to Alwaye and Varapuzha. Government have recently sanctioned a maintenance estimate of Rs. 50 per mile for all the 20 miles for canalising the river.

Text-Books.

68. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether "Pathinnalu Vritham" can be bought for one chuckram;

(*b*) whether any notification has been published in the Gazette stating that students are not purchasing text-books selected by the Government;

(*c*) the price of "Bhagavath Doothu" of Mr. T. T. Kesavan Sastri, approved by the Government:

(*d*) whether anybody else has published this book with preface and commentary;

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(*e*) the names of publishers who printed and published the same books against those approved by the Government ;

(*f*) whether any enquiry is being conducted about this ;

(*g*) whether the "History of Travancore" by Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai had been included in the first list ; and

(*h*) if not, why the same was included later on ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : (*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The price of the book is 21 chs.

(*d*) and (*e*) It is reported that the Kalavilasini Publishing House, Trivandrum, and the S. R. V. Book Depot, Branch Trivandrum, have printed and published other editions of the same book.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) The list of books on non-language subjects for higher forms of English schools was not published along with the first lists.

Non-official protests against transfer of municipal funds by the President of the Trivandrum Municipal Council.

69. ✻**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state, whether the non-official members of the Trivandrum Municipal Council have submitted a memorandum protesting against the transfer by the President of a lakh of rupees from the municipal fund in favour of the Water Works and Drainage Engineer at the instance of Government, and, if so, what action has been taken thereon?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Yes ; the matter is under consideration.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member when the memorandum was submitted ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : It was received on the 7th September 1936.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: How long will Government take to consider the memorandum ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Government cannot exactly say how long they will take, but all that they can say is that it is under consideration and that its disposal will be expedited as much as possible.

Scarcity of drinking water in Parasala and Karumkulam pakuthies.

70. ✻**Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that good drinking water is not available in Parasala and Karumkulam pakuthies in Neyyattinkara taluk ; and

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